# Enallagma pictum (Scarlet Bluet)

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## **Priority 2 Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN)**

Class: Insecta (Insects)

Order: Odonata (Dragonflies And Damselflies)

Family: Coenagrionidae (Narrow-winged Damselflies)

#### **General comments:**

Regional endemic and <20 ponds in ME

### **Species Conservation Range Maps for Scarlet Bluet:**

Town Map: <u>Enallagma pictum\_Towns.pdf</u>
Subwatershed Map: <u>Enallagma pictum\_HUC12.pdf</u>

### **SGCN Priority Ranking - Designation Criteria:**

**Risk of Extirpation: NA** 

State Special Concern or NMFS Species of Concern: NA

**Recent Significant Declines: NA** 

**Regional Endemic:** 

Enallagma pictum's global geographic range is at least 90% contained within the area defined by USFWS Region 5, the

Canadian Maritime Provinces, and southeastern Quebec (south of the St. Lawrence River). Notes: Regional endemic and<20 ponds in

High Regional Conservation Priority:

Northeast Odonate Conservation Assessment:

Vulnerability: Moderate, Responsibility: Primary

**High Climate Change Vulnerability: NA** 

Understudied rare taxa: NA

Historical: NA

**Culturally Significant: NA Professional Discretion:** 

Current criteria ranked *Enallagma pictum* as SGCN priority 1, however, species should be SGCN priority 2 based on professional discretion.

Justification: Northeast regional endemic and ranked as Moderately Vulnerable by White et al 2014; rare but potentially secure at approximately 20 lacustrine sites in ME.

## **Habitats Assigned to Scarlet Bluet:**

#### Formation Name Boreal Upland Forest

Macrogroup Name Boreal Upland Forest

Habitat System Name: Acadian Low Elevation Spruce-Fir-Hardwood Forest Notes: secondary (riparian only)

#### Formation Name Freshwater Aquatic

Macrogroup Name Lakes and Ponds

Habitat System Name: Dystrophic Notes: sandy lakes with abundant aquatic floating and emergent vegetation

+\*Primary Habitat\*\* Notes: sandy lakes with abundant aquatic floating and

\*\*Primary Habitat\*\*

emergent vegetation

Habitat System Name: Mesotrophic or Intermediate \*\*Primary Habitat\*\* Notes: sandy lakes with abundant aquatic

floating and emergent vegetation

**Habitat System Name:** Oligotrophic **Notes:** sandy lakes with abundant aquatic floating and emergent vegetation

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Formation Name Freshwater Marsh

Macrogroup Name Emergent Marsh

Habitat System Name: Laurentian-Acadian Freshwater Marsh Notes: sandy bottomed, often with narrow border of

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emergent sedges/grasses and much floating vegetation

Macrogroup Name Wet Meadow-Shrub Marsh

Habitat System Name: Laurentian-Acadian Wet Meadow-Shrub Swamp Notes: secondary (riparian only)

Formation Name Northeastern Upland Forest

Macrogroup Name Central Oak-Pine

Habitat System Name: North Atlantic Coastal Plain Hardwood Forest Notes: secondary (riparian only)

Macrogroup Name Northern Hardwood & Conifer

Habitat System Name: Appalachian (Hemlock)-Northern Hardwood Forest Notes: secondary (riparian only)

Habitat System Name: Laurentian-Acadian Pine-Hemlock-Hardwood Forest Notes: secondary (riparian only)

Habitat System Name: Laurentian-Acadian Red Oak-Northern Hardwood Forest Notes: secondary (riparian only)

Habitat System Name: Northeastern Coastal and Interior Pine-Oak Forest Notes: secondary (riparian only)

Formation Name Northeastern Wetland Forest

Macrogroup Name Northern Swamp

Habitat System Name: Laurentian-Acadian Alkaline Conifer-Hardwood Swamp Notes: secondary (riparian only)

Habitat System Name: North-Central Appalachian Acidic Swamp Notes: secondary (riparian only)

Habitat System Name: North-Central Interior and Appalachian Rich Swamp Notes: secondary (riparian only)

Formation Name Peatland

Macrogroup Name Northern Peatland & Fens

Habitat System Name: Boreal-Laurentian-Acadian Acidic Basin Fen Notes: secondary (riparian only)

Habitat System Name: North-Central Interior and Appalachian Acidic Peatland Notes: secondary (riparian only)

#### **Stressors Assigned to Scarlet Bluet:**

Stressor Priority Level based on Severity and Actionability

	Moderate Severity	High Severity
Highly Actionable	Medium-High	High
Moderately Actionable	Medium	Medium-High
Actionable with Difficulty	Low	Low

IUCN Level 1 Threat Other Options

IUCN Level 2 Threat: Lack of knowledge

Severity: Moderate Severity Actionability: Highly actionable

Notes: Lack of comprehensive survey effort to identify additional occurrences and determine species status

IUCN Level 1 Threat Natural Systems Modifications

IUCN Level 2 Threat: Dams and Water Management-Use

**Severity:** Moderate Severity **Actionability:** Moderately actionable

**Notes:** Vegetated littoral zones sensitive to water level manipulation

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IUCN Level 1 Threat Pollution

IUCN Level 2 Threat: Agricultural and Forestry Effluents

**Severity:** Moderate Severity **Actionability:** Moderately actionable **Notes:** Aquatic larvae and submerged aquatic vegetation sensitive to pesticides

IUCN Level 2 Threat: Domestic and Urban Waste Water

**Severity:** Moderate Severity **Actionability:** Moderately actionable **Notes:** Aquatic larvae and submerged aquatic vegetation sensitive to water quality

IUCN Level 1 Threat Residential and Commercial Development

IUCN Level 2 Threat: Housing and Urban Areas

**Severity:** Moderate Severity **Actionability:** Moderately actionable

Notes: Habitat loss and riparian zone degradation in an area of the state with relatively rapid development

### **Species Level Conservation Actions Assigned to Scarlet Bluet:**

None. Only species specific conservation actions that address high (red) or medium-high (orange) priority stressors are summarized here.

#### **Conservation Actions Associated with the Lacustrine Odonates Guild:**

**Conservation Action** Category: Research Biological Priority: high Type: new

Prepare a statewide atlas and conservation assessment.

Stressor(s) Addressed By This Conservation Action

Lack of knowledge

# **Broad Taxonomic Group Conservation Actions:**

Additional relevant conservation actions for this species are assigned within broader taxonomic groups in Maine's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan: Element 4, Table 4-1.

#### **Habitat Based Conservation Actions:**

Additional conservation actions that may benefit habitat(s) associated with this species can be found in Maine's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan: Element 4, Table 4-15. Click on the Habitat Grouping of interest to launch a habitat based report summarizing relevant conservation actions and associated SGCN.

The Wildlife Action Plan was developed through a lengthy participatory process with state agencies, targeted conservation partners, and the general public. The Plan is non-regulatory. The species, stressors, and voluntary conservation actions identified in the Plan complement, but do not replace, existing work programs and priorities by state agencies and partners.